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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL: CONTROVERSY ABOUT SECRETARIAT COUNTRIL

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1. FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL BOERMA BRIEFED COMBINED MEETING OF FAO PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES JANUARY 15 ON HIS JANUARY 9-10 DISCUSSIONS WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, BEGINNING IN MORNING AND CONTINUING IN AFTERNOON MEETING. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON NOTES PROVIDED BY DR. RALPH PHILLIPS OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CHAIRMAN OF FAO PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

2. BOERMA REPORTED THAT ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HANNAH WILL ARRIVE IN ROME IN ABOUT 10 DAYS. BOERMA SAID HE IS NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT FAO STAFF ON CONTINUING BASIS FOR UNSPECIFIED PURPOSE, BUT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FAO STAFF ON TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL FUNCTIONS CAN BE DEFINED WITH HANNAH.

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3. BOERMA TOLD COMMITTEES HE STILL WANTS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO BE

LINKED WITH FAO (COMMENT: STATING HIS POSITION LESS STRONGLY
THAN HE HAD TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, REFTEL). COMMITTEE
CONSENSUSSTRONGLY SUPPORTED BOERMA'S POSITION, MANY MEMBERS
EXPRESSING THAT VIEW, AND SOME CONTENDING THAT NOT TO LINK SECRETARIA
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WITH FAO WOULD DISTORT INTENT OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

4. BOERMA INDICATED HE PLANS TO RAISE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE
FOLLOW-UP QUESTION IN ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

5. D. J. WALTON, CHEF DE CABINET TO DIRECTOR GENERAL, WILL RETURN
TO ROME JANUARY 16 AFTER FURTHER TALKS IN NEW YORK ON FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS. DIRECTOR GENERAL BOERMA HAS INDICATED HE PLANS TO
TALK FURTHER TO PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES ABOUT
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EARLY
NEXT WEEK. VOLPE

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